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...Among all the tribes on Formosa we find that there is a distinction between the youth and the adult, at least among the men. As savages usually do not reckon their age, we cannot say that a man reaches the majority in a certain year, but it is usually when he is between sixteen and twenty. All the tribes have some external mark to denote that he is now one of the "men", but the Atayal make it depend upon the capture of a Chinese head in addition. Distinguishing marks of adults are:

among the Atayal: tattooing of the face and a gap in the row of incisors;
among the Vonum and Tsoo: a gap in the row of the incisors;
among the Tsarisen: tying up the hair of the head (children let it hang) and tattooing of the lower leg;
among the Spayowan: tattooing the upper part of the body (as one wishes);
among the Puyuma: tattooing the breast and the lower leg (as one wishes).

When a man is classed as an adult, he has certain rights:

1. the right to take part in the tribal councils;
2. the right to marry;
3. among the Tsarisen, Spayowan, Puyuma and Amis he also has the right to chew betel.